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FM AMEMBASSY YAOUNDE

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INFO AMCONSUL DOUALA BY POUCH

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SOCI, ELAB, CM

SUBJECT: STRIKES FIZZLE OUT IN DOUALA

REF: YAOUNDE 419, 434, 449

1. DOUALA PORT RESUMED OPERATIONS, THOUGH INEFFICIENTLY, FEB 5 THROUGH FIRING OF ALL FORMER WORKERS AND HIRING OF NEW ONES. PORT OPERATING BETTER FEB 6 AS SOME OF OLD WORKERS RETURNED AND WERE REHIRED. (ACCORDING TO MINSTATE FOR ARMED FORCES SADOU DAOUDOU, SUCH WORKERS HAVE LOST ALL SENIORITY AND WERE HIRED AS "NEW" EMPLOYEES.) GENDARMES HAVE CHASED AWAY STRIKERS WHO HAD REMAINED AT PORT ENTRANCE AREA WHICH NOW CLEAR AND BEING PATROLLED BY ABOUT 200 ARMED GENDARMES. ONLY A FEW MINOR CLASHES OCCURRED. GURC HAS IDENTIFIED A NUMBER OF PEOPLE BEHIND STRIKE AND SOME ARRESTS HAVE TAKEN PLACE.

2. STRIKE NEVER DID OCCUR AT EITHER SONEL (ELECTRICITY COMPANY) OR REGIFERCAM (RR). WORKERS BACK AT WORK AT BATA FACTORY AND ALL OTHER STRUCK PLANTS.

3. COMMENT. THIS OUTBREAK OF STRIKES - WHICH WAS LIMITED TO DOUALA EXCEPT FOR BREWERIES IN YAOUNDE AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OTHER CITIES-- WAS MOST FAR-REACHING SUCH MANIFESTATION SINCE

CAMEROON BECAME INDEPENDENT. GURC CONSIDERS THAT  
TROUBLEMAKERS (UPC OPPOSITIONISTS) USED ECONOMIC CRISIS  
(INFLATION) TO STIR UP WORKERS FOR UNDERLYING SUBVERSIVE  
AIMS. FEELING AROUND DOUALA IS MORE THAT WORKERS WERE  
EXPRESSING GENUINE DISCONTENT AT DETERIORATING PURCHASING  
POWER. IN ANY CASE, SITUATION IN DOUALA HAS NOW RETURNED  
CLOSE TO NORMAL, GURC IS HOLDING FIRM TO MODEST WAGE  
INCREASES DECREED JAN 29, AND EMPLOYERS MAY STILL GIVE  
A LITTLE MORE IN FRIENGE BENEFITS. MOOD IS MORE RELAXED  
THAN EARLIER IN WEEK AND CRISIS SEEMS TO HAVE PASSED.  
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